

Remarks

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the above identified Office Action, the Examiner raised several objections to the Drawings. Attached hereto are Replacement Sheets for some of the Figures and at the end hereof is an Appendix containing the proposed changes in red, with these sheets being marked with the legend "Annotated Marked-up Drawings". Approval of the changes is respectfully requested.

In the Specification

The specification has been reviewed and corrected, including at page 1, line 9.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being, in part, indefinite. In particular, claim 1 was rejected since it was not clear to the Examiner whether claim 1 was claiming a combination of the holder together with the notebook computer or only the copy holder. Claim 1 has been amended in a manner that will hopefully resolve this issue, and claim 1 is claiming the combination as is new claim 13. New claim 14, however, is only claiming the holder.

Claim 5 has also been amended to clarify that the panel being referenced is the second panel.

Claim 1 was also corrected to make dependent claim 6 proper, and to eliminate the double reference to the holding means.

Approval of these claim corrections, and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35USC § 102 as being anticipated by Mazza, U.S. Patent No. 4,619,429. This rejection is traversed. The Examiner has misinterpreted a number of elements in Mazza. First, member 38 is not an “upper horizontal channel”, nor is member 36 a “lower horizontal channel. Both are cross-bars or guide rods, and as such do not teach the use of a channel member in which something can move. Also, the member 60 is a “right wing panel” that is positioned on a horizontal plane. In Mazza, a complicated clamp structure is used to hold the device around a normal monitor. The guide rods 36/38 slide within top hinge plates 32B and 34B, and then connect with coupling blocks 62 which are themselves attached to the wing panel 60. Another complicated hinge structure connects a correspondence board 24 to the front edge of the hinge plate 69.

Claim 1 has been amended to refer to the copy holder, the notebook computer, to the fact that the upper and lower channels are affixed to the outer case of the computer, and that the first panel is slidably disposed to permit movement between a stowed or stored position against the within the boundary of

the computer lid, and a second use position outboard of an edge of the lid whereby copy can be retained by and displayed on the first panel.

Mazza does not teach or disclose such a structure. While some parts in Mazza's device move, no portion of that device moves from a position that is stored behind or within the confines of the computer, nor any lid structure, and then move outwardly into an extended use position. Of course, following use the first panel in the present invention will be slid back into its stored position.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Mazza. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

New claims 12 - 14 are being submitted with this response. Claim 12 depends from claim 1 and further claims that the copy holder is affixed to the lid of a notebook computer.

Claim 13 claims the invention as a combination of a holder and computer using at least one panel that is held between supports that, in turn, are slidably mounted within slide supports mounted onto the lid of a notebook computer. New claim 14 claims the basic structure of the copy holder itself.

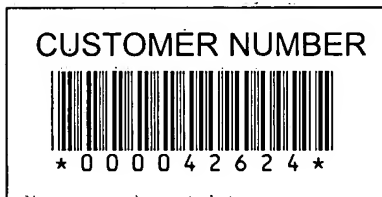
Each of these new claims are deemed to distinguish from Mazza, and each of the other cited but unapplied references. A notice to that effect is also respectfully requested.

Additional References

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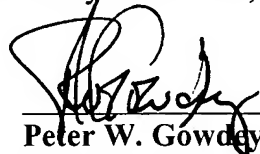
Included herewith is a Form 1449 listing a series of additional patents and copies are attached for review by the Examiner. Several including Koch, Nemeth, Hopwood, and Adams et al., refer to notebook computers, but none teach or disclose the channel and sliding panel arrangement that is claimed in this application. A notice tht the claimed invention in this application distinguished from these references is also respectfully requested.

In view of the Examiner's indication that claims 2-11 would be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 are now in allowable condition.



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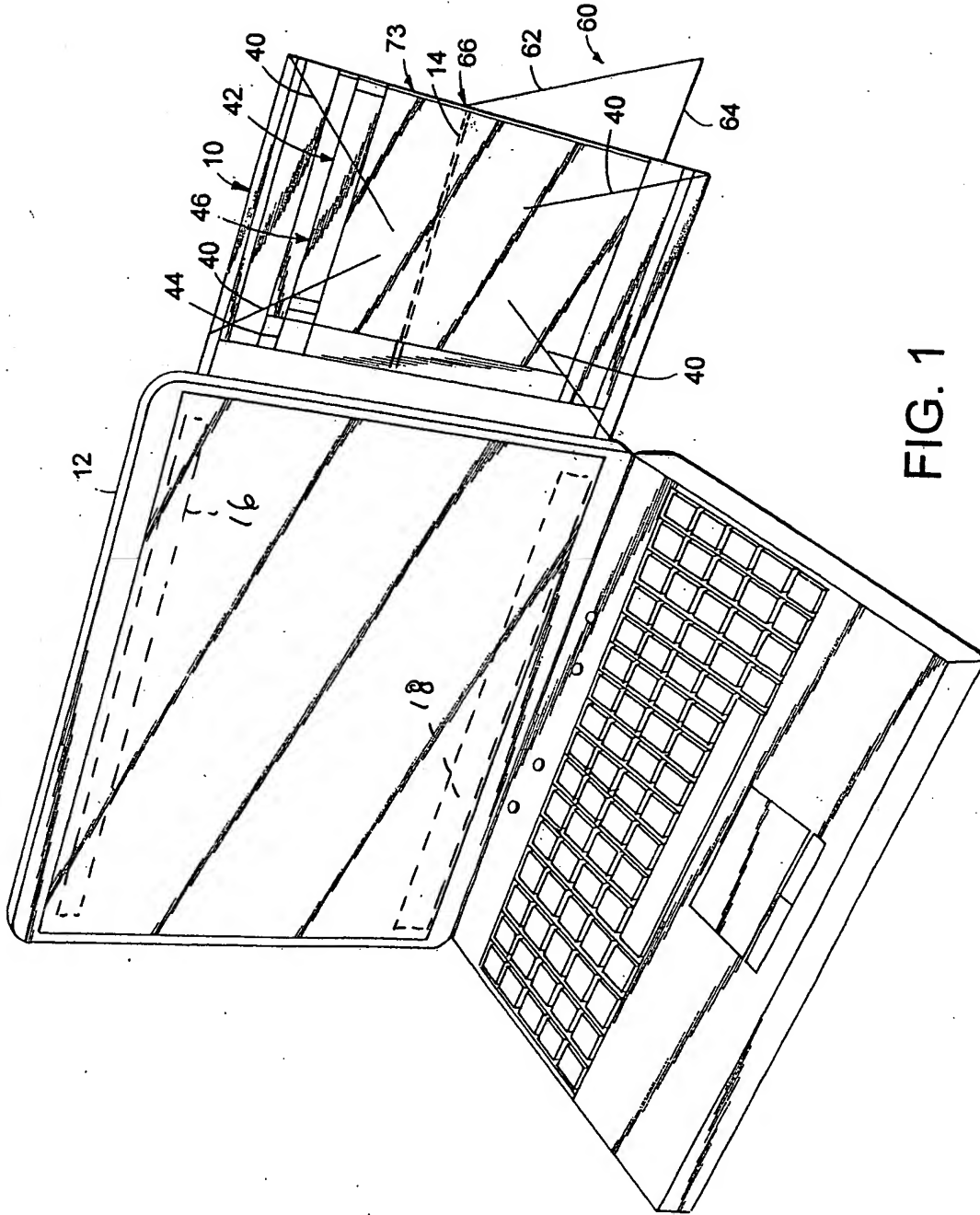


FIG. 1

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS

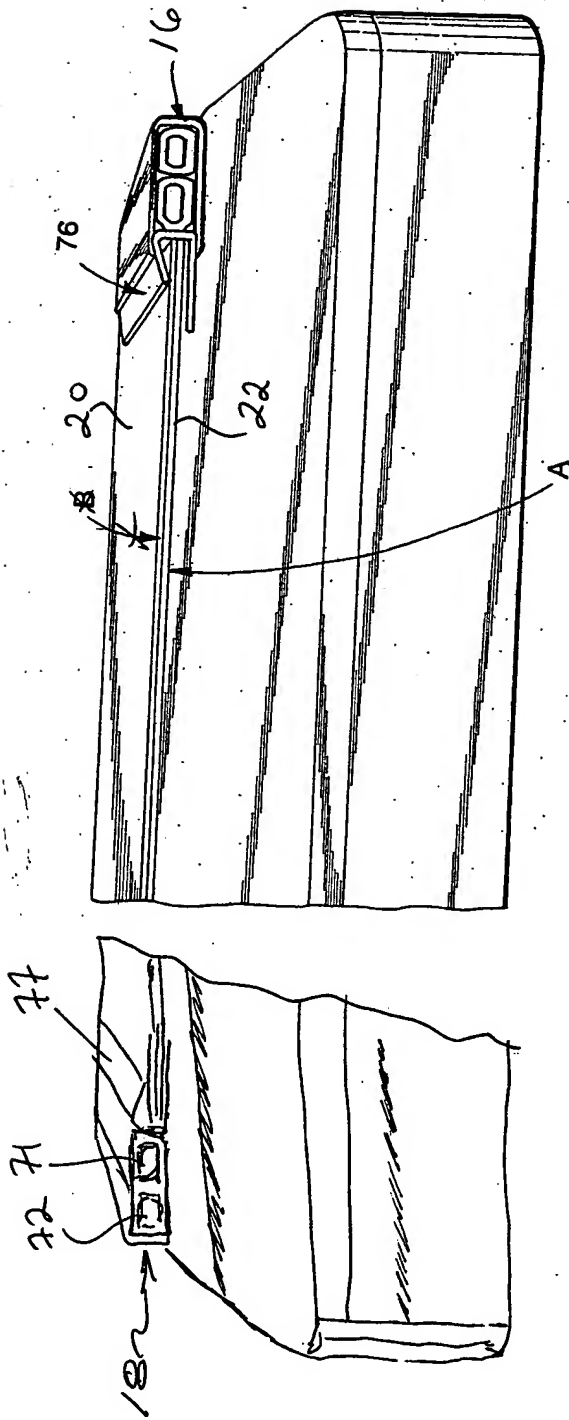


FIG. 4

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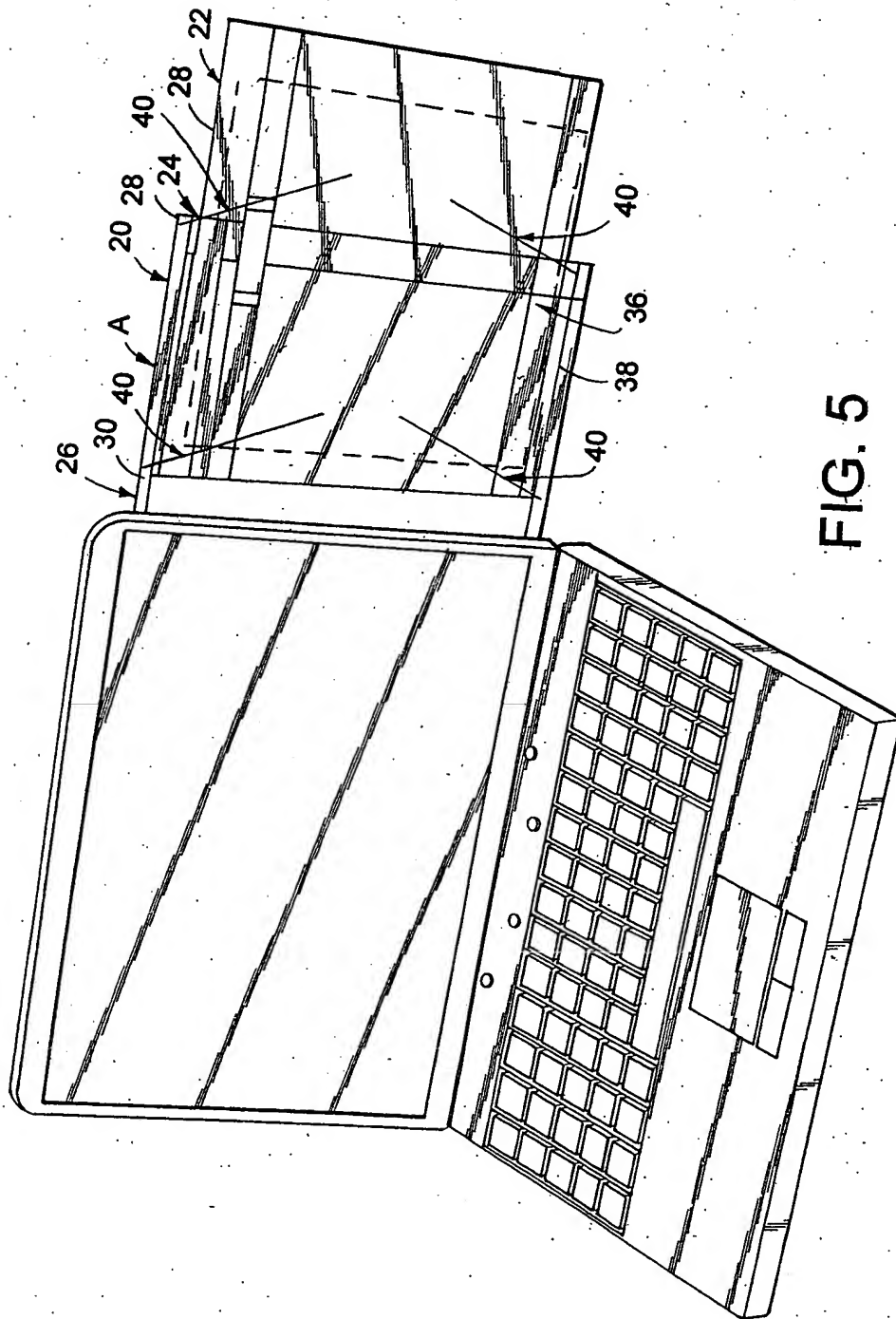


FIG. 5

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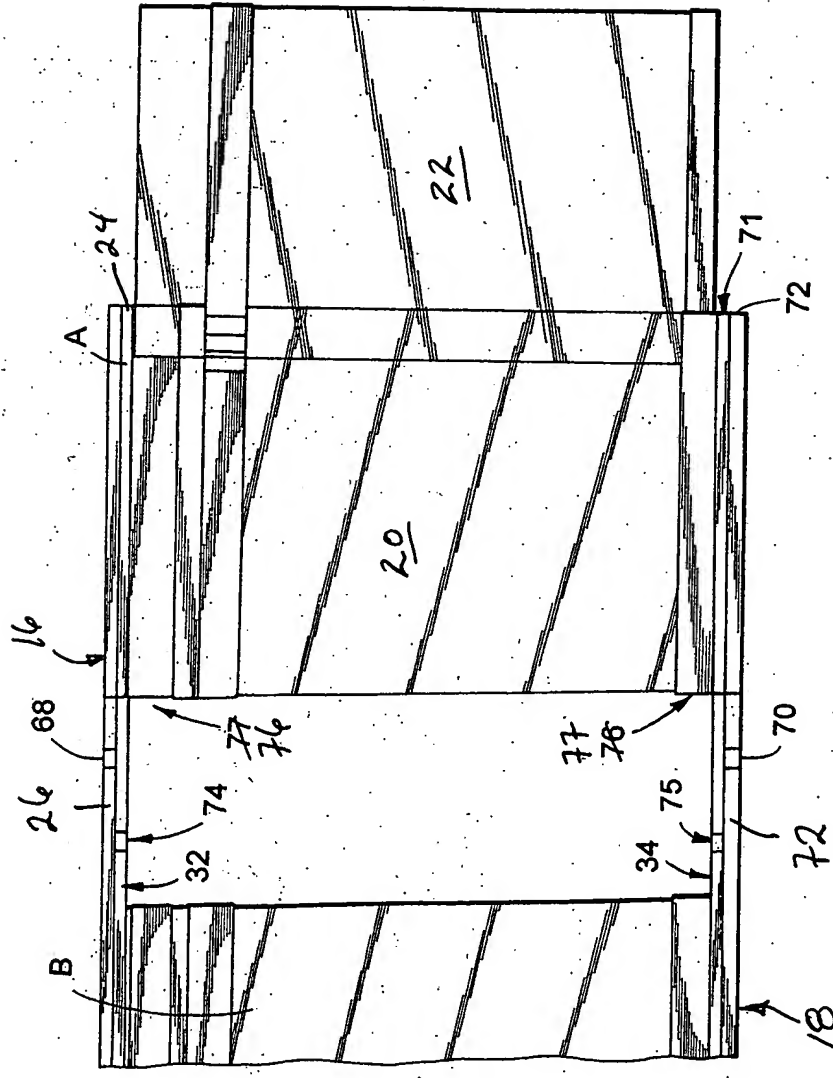


FIG. 7

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